

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-14, 18-24 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 5, 7-14, and 18-24. In view of the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 4, 6 and 15-17, and the re-writing of claim 18 into independent form, the pending claims are believed in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all the claims are earnestly solicited.

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